

Please amend the present application as follows:

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("___") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("~~—~~"), as is applicable:

1. (Currently amended) A method for collecting information when conducting research, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

electronically capturing content with a handheld scanning device;

separately electronically capturing source information pertinent to the source of the captured content using the handheld scanning device;

associating the content and the source information on the handheld scanning device; and

transmitting the associated content and source information from the handheld scanning device to another device for manipulation.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ electronically capturing the content and source information comprises capturing the content and source information with a common scan head of a the handheld scanning device.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ electronically capturing the content and source information comprises capturing the content and source information with separate text and data code scan heads, respectively, of a the handheld scanning device.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ separately electronically capturing source information comprises scanning a bar code of the source separate from scanning content within the source.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the source information comprises bibliographic information pertinent to the source.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the source information comprises information that can be used to retrieve bibliographic information pertinent to the source.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~ separately capturing content location information ~~that identifies with the handheld scanning device, the content location information indicating where the content was found in the source, and associating the captured content with the captured content location information on the handheld scanning device.~~

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the content location information comprises one or more page numbers.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~ performing optical character recognition on the content with the handheld scanning device.

10. (Currently amended) A handheld scanning device for recording information when conducting research, comprising:

means for electronically capturing content;

means for separately electronically capturing source information pertinent to the source of the captured content;

means for associating the content and the source information on the device;

and

means for transmitting the associated content and source information to another device for manipulation.

11. (Currently amended) A method for using captured information, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

receiving a transmission from a handheld scanning device, the transmission including content and associated source information pertinent to the source of the content in electronic form;

receiving from the handheld scanning device an indication that the content and the source information are associated with each other;

reconfiguring the content and associated source information for use in a user application; and

automatically creating at least one source acknowledgement in the user application using the received association indication.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the at least one source acknowledgement includes a bibliography.

14. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the at least one source acknowledgement includes a footnote.

15. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the at least one source acknowledgement includes an endnote.

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising ~~the~~ step of receiving from the handheld scanning device content location information pertinent to the location of the content within the source and an indication that the content and the content location information are associated with each other.

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising ~~the~~ step of retrieving bibliographic information pertinent to the source using the source information.

18. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising conducting optical character recognition on the content.

19. (Currently amended) A system for using captured information, comprising:

means for receiving a transmission from a handheld scanning device, the transmission including content and associated source information pertinent to the source of the content in electronic form;

means for receiving from the handheld scanning device an indication that the content and the source information are associated with each other;

means for reconfiguring the content and associated source information for use in a user application; and

means for automatically creating at least one source acknowledgement in the user application using the received association indication.

20. (Currently amended) A handheld scanning device, comprising:

a housing configured as a pen;

a scan head that is adapted to capture ~~information from a source~~ bibliographic source information in a first mode and separately capture content from the source in a second mode; and

memory including an information association module that is configured to associate the captured content with the captured source information prior to transmission of the content and the source information to another device.

21. (Original) The device of claim 20, wherein the device comprises two separate scan heads, one provided at each end of the device, one of the scan heads being adapted to capture text and the other scan head being adapted to capture data code information.

22. (Original) The device of claim 20, further comprising a transceiver that is adapted to transmit captured information to another device for manipulation.

23. (Original) The device of claim 20, further comprising an optical character recognition module stored in memory.

24. (Original) The device of claim 20, wherein the scan head comprises a charge-coupled device (CCD).

25. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein capturing content and separately capturing source information comprises selecting a first mode associated with source information capture prior to capturing the source information, the first mode being selected using a function key of the handheld scanning device.

26. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein associating the content and the source information comprises adding associated metadata tags to the content and the source information on the handheld scanning device.

27. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein separately capturing content location information comprises selecting a second mode associated with content location information capture prior to capturing the content location information, the second mode being selected using a function key of the handheld scanning device.

28. (New) The device of claim 20, further comprising a function key that can be used to switch the handheld scanning device between the first and second modes.

29. (New) The device of claim 20, wherein the information association module that is configured to add associated metadata tags to the content and the source information on the handheld scanning device to associate the content with the source information.

30. (New) The device of claim 20, wherein the scan head is further adapted to separately capture content location information in a third mode.

31. (New) The device of claim 29, wherein the information association module that is further configured to associate the captured content with the captured content location information prior to transmission of the content and the source information to another device.